

I wish to add my support to the ARRL petition for changes to the Amateur Service licensing structure. As a long time Technician Plus licensee and user of voice and data modes within the Amateur Radio service, I support the continued use of Morse Code by those who desire to use it, without the mandate for its use by those who do not.

The Amateur Radio community has a long history of expanding and enhancing the use of many modalities of communication. Keeping a large portion of the bands available to Amateurs locked off to who choose not to use code or do not have a facility to learn it only limits the possible contributions to voice and data experimentation by those individuals.

I know that I would be more active and get greater enjoyment by having access to worldwide bands other than 10 meters. That would also give me incentive to expand my knowledge and use of the bands.

Nothing in the proposed changes limits anyone from using Morse code as a means of communication.

Having worked numerous emergency service support roles, including full time employment in Public Safety, I believe a strong Amateur community can provide and expand the services offered to various served groups with voice and data and access to additional bands would enhance those services provided by ARES, RACES and other groups.

I urge the Commission to approve this proposal. Thank you for your consideration.